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Sir:

This is a request for filing a[n]

Original
 Continuation
 Divisional
 Continuation-in-part

application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b), in the name of

Dietrich W. GRABIS, Mary Anne KAEHLER and Kenneth MELLBERG
(Names of ALL Applicants)

for Method and Device to Protect Syringes and Similar Medical Instruments
(Title of Invention)

This continuation divisional continuation-in-part

claims priority to pending application Serial No. 09/995,960, filed on 27 November 2001.

1. Enclosed is a new application.
- Enclosed is a continuation-in-part application.
- Enclosed is a copy of the prior application.
2. Enclosed is a new Declaration.
- Enclosed is a copy of the prior Declaration as originally filed. (combined Declaration and Power of Attorney)
3. Applicant claims small entity status (see 37 CFR 1.27)
4. Request and Certification under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(i) (Form PTO/SB/35)
5. Genetic Sequence Submission: Paper copy, Computer Readable Copy; Statement Verifying Identical Paper and Computer Readable Copy
6. The filing fee is calculated below:
 Claims as filed in the prior application, less any claims canceled by amendment below:

	(Col. 1) NO. FILED	(Col. 2) NO. EXTRA	SMALL ENTITY RATE	OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY RATE	
BASIC FEE				\$375	\$750
TOTAL CLAIMS	<u>8</u> - <u>20</u> =	<u>0</u>	<u>× 9 =</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>× 18 =</u>
INDEP CLAIMS	<u>2</u> - <u>3</u> =	<u>0</u>	<u>× 42 =</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>× 84 =</u>
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENTED	<u>yes</u>	<u>no</u>	<u>+140 =</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>+280 =</u>
If the difference in Col 1 is less than zero, enter "0" in Col. 2			TOTAL	\$375	TOTAL

7. Our check in the amount of \$ 750.00 is enclosed in payment of the above-calculated filing fee.
— The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the above-calculated filing fee to Deposit Account No. 50-2319 (Order No.).
— The filing fee is NOT being submitted with this transmittal letter.

8. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, including extension fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2319 (Order No. 463357-00016 [A-68534-2/MAK]).

9. Cancel in this application original claims 1-11 of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.)

10. Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:
—This is a continuation divisional continuation-in-part
of application Serial No. 09/995,960 filed 27 November 2001.—

11. Informal drawings are enclosed.
 Formal drawings are enclosed.

12. Priority of application Serial No. filed on in is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119.
— The certified copy has been filed in prior application Serial No. filed on .

13. The prior application is assigned of record to ITG - International Technology Group LLC
 Enclosed is a copy of the assignment from the prior application
— Enclosed is a new assignment
— with Recordation Form Cover Sheet (PTO-1595)
— with our check in the amount of \$40.00 to pay the recordation fee

14. The power of attorney in the prior application is to:
Name: Michael A. Kaufman, Esq., et al.
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— The power appears in the original papers in the prior application.
 Since the power does not appear in the original papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.*
— A new power has been executed and is enclosed. (*combined Declaration and Power of Attorney)
— Address all future communications to the address associated with Customer No. 32940, currently:

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13. A preliminary amendment is enclosed. (Claims added by this amendment have been properly numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered original claim in the prior application.)

14. I hereby verify that the attached papers are a true duplicate of prior application Serial No. 09/995,960 as originally filed on 27 November 2001.

15. Request and Certification under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(i) (Form PTO/SB/35)

16. Also enclosed is/are: _____

Date: 27 June 2003

Signature: Michael A. Kaufman
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 Filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.34(a)